STATE BOARD

FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

V.

Agency Case No.: 17-PE-38

Respondent

* Before the

State Board for Professional

Engineers

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CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the State Board for Professional Engineers (the "Board") as the result of an audit of the Continuing Professional Competency ("CPC") requirements conducted by the Board in connection with the 2016 renewal application of Anne Hennessey ("Respondent") license no. 05-17093. As a means of resolving this matter, the Board and the Respondent have agreed to enter into this Consent Order, and agree and stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Respondent's professional engineer's license expired on October 5, 2016.
- 2. The Respondent submitted an application for the renewal of her expired license on September 29, 2016.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 14-314(f), Business Occupations and Professions

 Article, Maryland Annotated Code, and 09.23.06 of the Code of Maryland

 Regulations ("COMAR") the Respondent was required to complete 24 hours of

 continuing education prior to applying for renewal of her license on September 29,

 2016.
- 4. On September 29, 2016, the Respondent was notified that she was the subject of an audit of her CPC hours and was required to provide certificates of completion of the hours to the Board within 30 days of the date of the audit.

- 5. The audit revealed that the Respondent failed to complete the minimum number of required CPC hours before submitting her application for renewal but certified on her application that the CPC requirement had been fulfilled.
- 6. The Respondent's failure to obtain all the required CPC hours before submitting her application for renewal is in violation of Section 14-314 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code, and COMAR 09.23.06.
- 7. The Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for failing to complete the CPC requirements before submitting her application for renewal.
- 8. The Respondent agrees to pay the fine with acceptance of this Consent Order.
- 9. The Respondent waives the right to the issuance of a statement of charges and a formal hearing on the charges in this matter and where the Respondent would have the opportunity to present a defense to the charges of a violation of Section 14-314 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code and COMAR 09.23.06.
- 10. The Respondent agrees that if the Respondent fails to comply with the terms of this Consent Order, the Respondent's license will immediately be suspended by the Board, without a hearing on the suspension, and that the suspension will continue until the Respondent evidences compliance with the Consent Order.
- 11. The Respondent and the Board understand that this Consent Order will serve as the Final Order in this matter and be a part of the Respondent's licensing record that

is maintained by the Board. The Board's records and publications will reflect the terms of the Consent Order.

WHEREFORE, based on these stipulations and agreements, it is hereby this

day of February, 2017, ORDERED by the State Board for

Professional Engineers:

I. That the Respondent has violated Section 14-317(a)(1)(vi) of the Business

Occupations and Professions Article, Maryland Annotated Code and COMAR

09.23.06.03 for failing to meet the minimum requirements of CPC before submitting her application for renewal;

- II. That the Respondent shall pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) in connection with the violation upon acceptance of this Consent Order;
- III. That in the event the terms and conditions of this Consent Order are not met by the Respondent, the Board shall immediately suspend the Respondent's professional engineer's license, without a hearing on the suspension, and that the suspension will continue until such time as the Respondent evidences compliance with the terms of this Consent Order; and,
- IV. That the records of the Board shall reflect that this matter was resolved with this Consent Order.

Signature on file

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"Anne M. Hennessey, Respondent

Chairman, State Board for C Professional Engineers

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5Feb 2017 Date